

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/733,714

Examiner

Glenn Zimmerman

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2 and 3.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please delete lines 3 and 4 on page 1 of the specification. On page 1 line 3 of the specification, please insert - - This application is a Divisional of U.S. application Ser. No. 10/144,533 filed on May 13, 2002, now abandoned, which is a Continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/453,304 filed on December 2, 1999, now issued as U.S. Pat No. 6,479,939, which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/174,500 filed on October 16, 1998, now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,181,056. - -

The applicant's response is not deemed necessary.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 and 3 are allowed.

Regarding claim 2, the following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record neither shows nor suggests a carbon film including the combination of all the limitations as set forth in claim 2, and specifically an area of material between the area of insulating material and the area of conducting material having a graded dielectric constant which varies from low to high from the area of

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insulating material to the area of conducting material could not be found elsewhere in prior art.

Regarding claim 3, claim 3 is allowed for the reasons given in claim 2, because of its dependency status on claim 2.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Liu et al. U.S. Patent 5,580,380 discloses a Method for Forming a Diamond Coated Field Emitter and Device Produced Thereby. Taniguchi et al. U.S. Patent 5,275,967 discloses an Electric Field Light-Emitting Device. Selifanov et al. U.S. Patent 5,711,773 discloses an Abrasive Material for Precision Surface Treatment and a Method for the Manufacturing Thereof. Kwarada et al. U.S. Patent 5,260,106 discloses a Method for Forming Diamond Films by Plasma Jet CVD.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Glenn Zimmerman whose telephone number is (571) 272-2466. The examiner can normally be reached on M-W 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh D Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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